



# Transit Funding – Risks & Opportunities

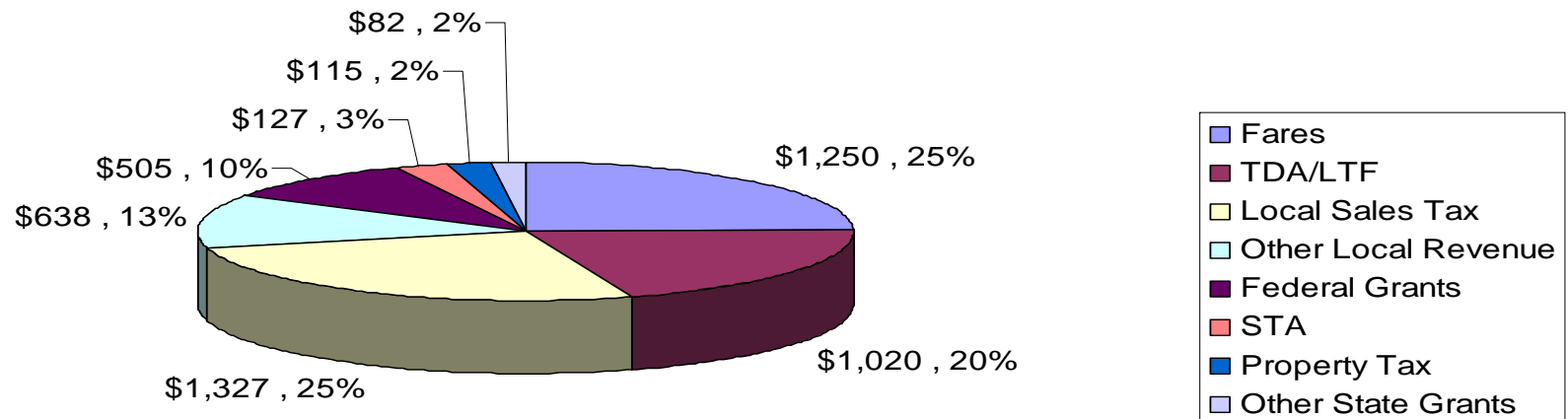
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# What am I going to talk about?

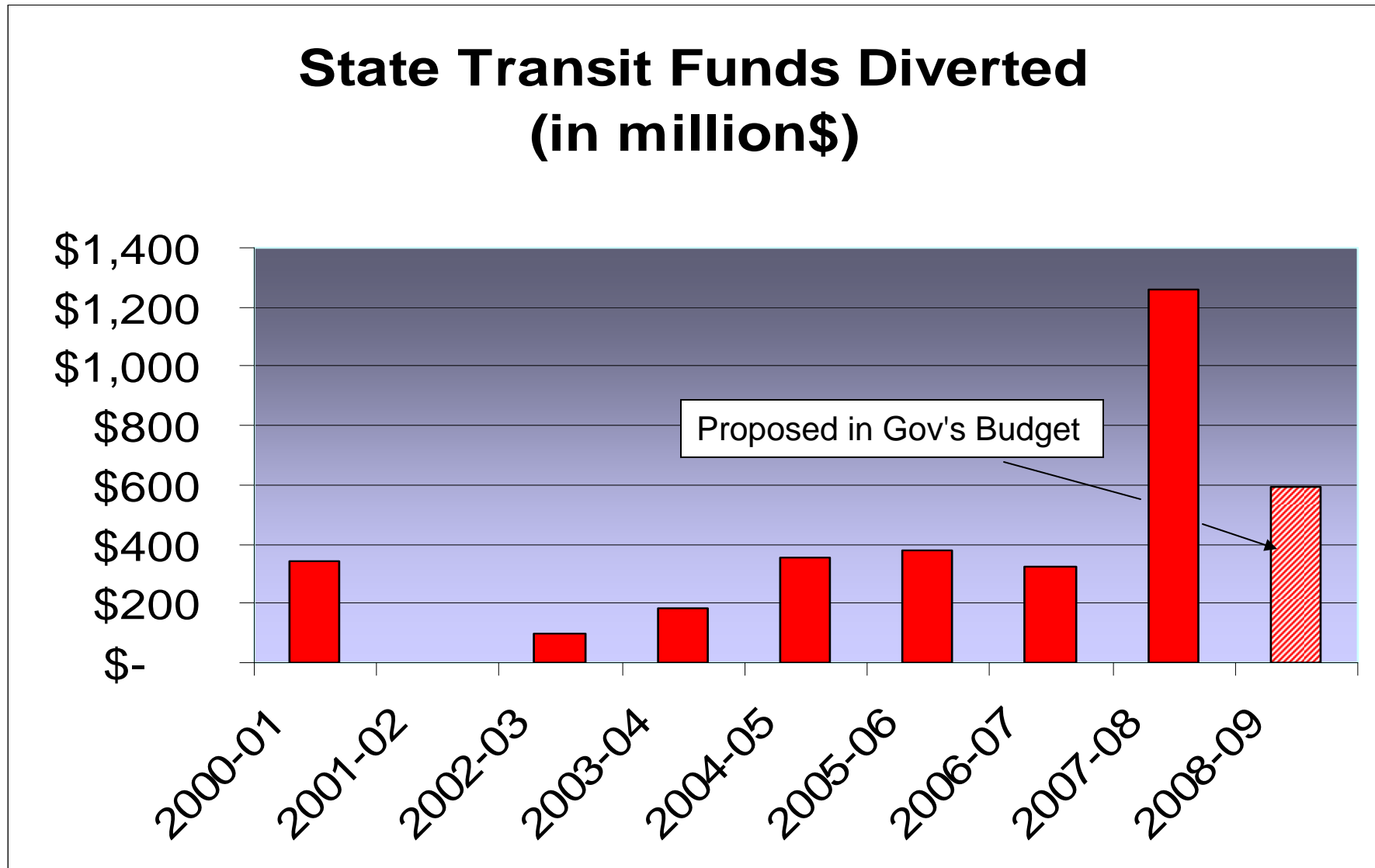
- State transit funding unpredictability
- Stabilizing State transit funding
- New transit funding tools
- Making the case for transit

# What are the major sources of transit operations funding?

**Transit Operating Revenue  
2005-06 (in million\$)**



# Is State funding predictable?



<b>Public Transportation Account</b> <b>Revenue Losses Since 2000-01</b>
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<u>Year</u>	<u>\$ Loss</u>	<u>Where PTA \$'s Went</u>
2000-01	\$70 million	Loan to Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program
	\$275 million	Loan to the Traffic Congestion Relief Fund
2002-03	\$100 million	Loan to the General Fund
2003-04	\$87.5 million	Transfer “spillover” to General Fund
	\$93.4 million	Suspension of the PTA’s share of Proposition 42
2004-05	\$108 million	Divert revenue from sale of Caltrans property
	\$105.8 million	Suspension of the PTA’s share of Proposition 42
	\$140 million	Transfer “spillover” to other programs
2005-06	\$380 million	Transfer “spillover” to other programs
2006-07	\$200 million	Transfer “spillover” to the General Fund
	\$125 million	Transfer “spillover” to the Bay Bridge Toll Account
2007-08	\$948 million	New permanent expense: G.O. bond debt service
	\$129 million	New permanent expense: regional center transportation
	\$99 million	New permanent expense: home-to-school transportation
	\$83 million	New permanent expense: Prop. 42 loan repayment

**Total     \$2.944 billion to-date**

# What do we do?!?

- Litigation
  - Superior Court of Sacramento
  - Appeal [amicus briefs]
- Fight the Good Fight
  - Governor's proposed 2008-09 budget
- Explore an Initiative
  - Protect existing transit funding
  - Grow funding

# Any help from the State?

- Assemblyman Mike Feuer transportation package
  - AB 1815: sets up Transportation Funding Task Force
  - AB 1836: improves IFDs
  - AB 2321: extends LA Metro sales tax to 30 years
  - AB 2388: assesses carbon & weight fee on vehicles
  - AB 2495: sets up fee-producing infrastructure projects
  - AB 2588: allows LA Metro climate change mitigation fee
  - ACA 10: lowers vote to 55% for transportation bonds
- AB 2705 (Jones)
  - Adds transit to Mello-Roos Communities Facilities Act

# How do we make the case?

- CALPIRG Report
  - *A Better Way to Go: Meeting America's 21st Century Transportation Challenges with Modern Public Transit*
  - [www.calpirg.org](http://www.calpirg.org)
- APTA Report
  - *Public Transportation Reduces Greenhouse Gases and Conserves Energy*
  - [www.apta.com](http://www.apta.com)
- Center for Transportation Excellence
  - [www.cfte.org](http://www.cfte.org)





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